

List all of the Scriptures that demonstrate that Christ is 'The Living, Indwelling God', is our "Sole Mediator", our "Manna", our 'Bread', our 'Food', our 'Drink', our 'Breath' and our 'Life and Sustenance'.

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The Scriptures, particularly within the New Testament, frequently use deeply physical and sustaining metaphors to describe Christ's relationship with believers. Given your background in Koine Greek analysis, you will likely appreciate how the original language emphasizes not just a symbolic relationship, but a literal, sustaining union.

Here is a breakdown of the key passages demonstrating these specific titles and roles.

1. The Living, Indwelling God

The concept of Christ residing within the believer (*en hymin* or *en emoi*) is central to Pauline theology, framing Christ not as a distant deity, but an active, living presence.

- **Galatians 2:20:** "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me..."
- **Colossians 1:27:** "To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."
- **Romans 8:9-10:** "You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life..."
- **John 14:23:** "Jesus replied, 'Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.'"
- **1 John 5:20:** "And we are in him who is true by being in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life."

2. Our Sole Mediator

The Greek term used here is **μεσίτης** (*mesitēs*), which refers to a go-between, a reconciler, or a guarantor of a covenant. The New Testament writers apply this exclusively to Christ in the context of salvation.

- **1 Timothy 2:5:** "For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus..."

- **Hebrews 8:6:** "But in fact the ministry Jesus has received is as superior to theirs as the covenant of which he is mediator is superior to the old one..."
- **Hebrews 9:15:** "For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant..."
- **Hebrews 12:24:** "...to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel."

3. Manna, Bread, and Food

The Gospel of John, specifically chapter 6, is the definitive text for these concepts. Jesus directly contrasts the physical manna of the Exodus with Himself as the true, spiritual sustenance (ἄρτος τῆς ζωῆς - *artos tēs zōēs*).

- **John 6:32-33 (Manna/Bread):** "Jesus said to them, 'Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'"
- **John 6:35 (Bread):** "Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry...'"
- **John 6:48-51 (Living Bread):** "I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven."
- **John 6:55 (Food):** "For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink."

4. Our Drink

Alongside the Bread of Life discourse, Christ repeatedly identifies Himself (and the Spirit He gives) as the source of living water that permanently quenches spiritual thirst.

- **John 4:14:** "But whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."
- **John 7:37-38:** "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."
- **1 Corinthians 10:4:** "...and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ."

5. Our Breath

While the English word "breath" is closely tied to the Holy Spirit (the Greek πνεῦμα - *pneuma*, meaning wind, breath, or spirit), Christ is depicted as the one who breathes this life into His followers, mirroring the Genesis creation account.

- **John 20:22:** "And with that he breathed on them (ἐνεφύσησεν - *enephsēsen*) and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'" (This exact verb is used in the Septuagint in Genesis 2:7 when God breathes life into Adam).

- **1 Corinthians 15:45:** "So it is written: 'The first man Adam became a living being'; the last Adam [Christ], a life-giving spirit."

6. Our Life and Sustenance

Scripture portrays Christ not merely as a teacher of life, but as the very ontological substance and sustainer of life itself.

- **Colossians 3:4:** "When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory."
- **John 11:25:** "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die...'"
- **John 14:6:** "Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"
- **Hebrews 1:3 (Sustenance):** "The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word."
- **Colossians 1:17 (Sustenance):** "He is before all things, and in him all things hold together."